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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2003

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, in response to the advisory action dated November 4, 2003 received in the above-referenced case. A response is due on November 30, 2003, by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a one month extension of time to respond. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

Amendments to the Specification: There are **no** amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.